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A TELESCOPIC GUIDE PIPE FOR OFF-SHORE DRILLING

5 The present invention relates to a guide device (3) for an off-shore drilling installation comprising at least one drilling riser (2) extending from a floating support to a said guide device (3) at the sea bottom (4), said drilling being performable from said floating
10 support via said drilling riser (2) using a drill string fitted at its end with drilling tools. According to the invention, said telescopic guide device (3) comprises a telescopic guide pipe (3) comprising coaxial telescopic pipe elements (3a, 3b, 3c) about an axis XX', the
15 smallest-diameter innermost telescopic pipe element (3c) being fitted at its end with means for breaking up the ground suitable for progressively burying said telescopic guide pipe (3) in the ground so as to enable a drilling tool to be guided more deeply into the ground.

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